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**TO:** Wisconsin County Clerks  
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**SUBJECT:** Seven Additional Elections Bills Signed Into Law by the Governor

Governor Scott Walker signed seven additional elections-related bills into law today. We want to emphasize that these new laws will not affect completion of the 2014 Spring Election on April 1, 2014. G.A.B. Staff is working on a detailed summary of how each of these new laws, as well as those signed into law on March 27, 2014, will change election administration as well as guidance and training related to how clerks, election inspectors, and the G.A.B. will implement these new laws. Below is a brief summary of the general subject of each bill signed into law today.

- Assembly Bill 24: permits conducting a recount of certain wards by hand
- Assembly Bill 202: designated election observer area within three to eight feet
- Assembly Bill 419: counting votes for write-in candidates
- Senate Bill 262: labeling duplicate ballots
- Senate Bill 264: securing the ballot container
- Senate Bill 265: party representation for election officials serving at polling places
- Senate Bill 267: recording the type of identifying document provided by an elector as proof of residence, and requiring proof of residence for all non-UOCAVA voters

As stated above, none of these new laws will affect the administration of the 2014 Spring Election on April 1, 2014. G.A.B. Staff will provide a more detailed description of each new law enacted, as well as how these new laws will affect election administration and election official training moving forward. In the meantime, if you have any questions about these newly enacted laws, please contact the G.A.B. Help Desk at [GAB@wi.gov](mailto:GAB@wi.gov) or (608) 261-2028.